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By the Queene.



Whereas the Queenes Maiestie our most gracious soueraigne Lady, by reason of the plague and pestilence, as well in the Citie of London, as in the citie of Westminster, and in diuerse other places and parts of this her Maiesties Realme, did lately by her Highnes Proclamation adiourne part of the Terme of Saint Michael, that is to say, from the vtas thereof, vntill Mensis Michaelis, then to haue begun at the said Citie of Westminster. Neuerthelesse, her Maiestie hauing then perfect vnderstanding that the said plague & pestilence did then increase more and more, did then by her Maiesties Proclamation further adiourne another part of the said Terme of Saint Michael, that is to say, from Mensis Michaelis aforesaid, vntill the returne of the same Terme, commonly called Crastino Martini, then to begin at the said Citie of Westminster, which her Maiestie then did, for that her Highnesse had very great hope that the said sickness by the fauour of Almighty God, and by the coldnesse and season of the yeere growing on, and other occasions, by that time would haue ceased. Neuerthelesse, her Highnesse being lately credibly informed, that the said sickness continueth, not only in the said Citie of London and Westminster, and is very much there dispersed, but also in diuerse other places within the Realme, so that it is to be feared, by the resort of her Maiesties subiects to her said Citie of London and Westminster, that those that be not infected, may by their comming and tarrying there be in great perill and danger of the said plague, and that those that come out of the Countries being infected, or from the places where the plague is, may by their comming thither, & accompanying with those that be cleare thereof, put in danger & perill such as they shal accompany herewith. And her Maiestie being also credibly informed, that the certificate which her Highnes receiueth weekly from her said Citie of London, is not so sincerely, truly, & wholly certified, as in trueth it should be, but the number of those that die of the plague is made lesse then they are, by the corruption and indirect dealing of some inferiour minister, to her Maiesties great offence, & therefore minded, for the better preservation of her good subiects of all degrees that should repaire to London and Westminster, by reason of the Terme, to adiourne at the day of Octabis Martini, which shal bee Tuesday next, the two last Remains of the said Terme of Saint Michael: that is to say, the said Octabis and Quindena Martini, vntill the Returne of Hilary Terme next comming, commonly called Octabis Hilarii, then to begin at Westminster, as hath bene accustomed. And her Maiestie signifieth to all and singuler her louing subiects of this her Realme, to the intent that they, and euery of them, which hath cause or commandement to appeare in any of her Highnes Courts at Westminster, on, or at any day or time, at or on the said Octabis Martini, may tarry at their dwellings, or where their busines otherwise shal lye, without resorting to any the said Courts for that cause, before the said returne of Hilary Terme, next comming, and that without danger of forfeiture, penaltie, or contempt, to incurre towards her Highnes in that behalfe. Neuerthelesse her Maiestie for diuerse good and necessarie considerations, for the weale and benefite of her Subiects, is contented and pleased, that the returne of Crastino Martini, vntill the saide Octabis, shal continue & be holden, as if this present Proclamation wer not. And her Maiesties further pleasure is, that two or more of her Iustices, that is to say, of either Bench, shal the said Octabis Martini, adiourne her said two Courts at Westminster, at which day writtes of adiournement shalbe directed to the said Iustices, to adiourne the same, in and from the said Octabis Martini, vntill the saide returne of Hilary Terme. And her Maiesties pleasure is, that all matters, causes & suites, depending in any of her other Courts, betweene partie and partie, in her Highnes Courts of Chancerie, Starre chamber, and Erchequer, Courts of wards and Liueries, and Duchie of Lancaster, shal haue continuance, and the parties shal haue day, at and from the said Octabis Martini, vntill the said returne of Hilary Terme.

Provided alwayes, and her Maiesties pleasure and commandement is, that all Collectors, Receiuers, Sheriffes, and other accomptants, and all other persons that ought or should accompt or pay any summe or summes of money in any of her Maiesties court of Erchequer, courts of wards and Liueries, or of her Duchie of Lancaster, or any of them, or that should enter into any accompt in any of the saide courts, shal at their dayes appointed, repaire vnto the accustomed places at Westminster, where her Highnesse hath appointed such officers and ministers, as for that purpose her Maiestie hath thought expedient, and there to pay, and doe in euery behalfe, as though no such Proclamation of adiournement had bene had or made, any thing mentioned in this Proclamation, or in any writ of adiournement to the contrary, notwithstanding. And her Highnes further pleasure and commandement is, that all Sheriffes shal returne their writtes and process against all such accomptants and debtors at the dayes therein appointed. And if any person or persons who ought to accompt or pay any summe or summes of money to her Maiestie in any the said Courts & places aforesaid, do make default therein, That then her Highnes writtes & processe shalbe awarded, and sent forth against euery such person or persons, and the same to be duely and orderly serued and returned by the Sheriffes and Officers thereunto appointed, in such like manier and forme as the same should haue bene, if this present proclamation had not bene made. And if any Sheriffe or other Officer shal make default, or be negligent in seruing, executing or returning any the said writtes and processe aforesaid: That then euery such Sheriffe and other Officer shal incurre such paines and penalties, as by the said Courts, or any of them shalbe taxed and assessed: willing and commanding all and euery her Maiesties Sheriffes, Officers, ministers and subiectes, to whom it doth or shal appertaine, to obserue and keep their assemblies and appearances, with all their returnes and certificats in her Highnesse said Courts at Westminster, in the said returne of Hilary terme commonly called Octabis Hilarii, next comming, then, there with the fauour of God, to be holden and kept, and there to do their offices and duties in euery behalfe, in like maner and forme as they should or ought to haue done, if this present Proclamation had not bene had or made, as they will answere to the contrary at their perils.

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¶ God saue the Queene.

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to the Queenes Maiestie.